

## **Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Guidance Committee Mission Statement and Implementation Strategy**

### ***What's the Mission?***

The mission of the subcommittee is to collaborate with the state and regional water boards to help develop a plan of action and guide the implementation for a statewide consistent approach for controlling and reducing Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). This plan of action will align with the Governor's 2004 Action Plan. Specific recommendations on the following topics should be addressed.

- Consistent and uniform reporting and data management
- Performance standards for both collection system O&M, management, and capital improvement
- Training program
- Outreach program for system owners, managers, and other interested parties
- Program implementation mechanism (i.e. general permit, MOA, Guidance, etc...)
- Economic Effectiveness and Funding Mechanisms

Recommendations on these topics will be presented to the SWRCB for consideration and potential adoption by the November 2004 Board meeting.

### ***What's the Strategy?***

In order to develop products associated with the above topics, subgroups of this committee should be formed to lead and oversee the creation of these materials. Committee members may wish to appoint staff from their organizations to help develop some of these products. Trade organizations and non-profit groups may also provide assistance with training and outreach.

The process for implementing this strategy should include the following elements:

1. Identify legal mandates that must be met by the State and Regional Boards.
2. Identify major expectations of external parties such as the public, regulated community, Legislature and control agencies.
3. Identify activities where meaningful savings could result from increased efficiencies; and
4. Identify alternative and reasonably available funding sources, such as resources that could be developed through partnering with others, grants, fees, legislative changes or other sources.